



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Millicent Hill
Aviation Accident Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: November 2, 2017
Person Contacted: Allen Moore
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18FA004

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Moore, he stated that he was fishing in a pond about one-half mile from the end of the runway. He reported hearing the engine, he stated it was “wound up pretty good, like he was doing a high speed pass down the runway.” He stated he saw the airplane wings level, then it “snapped a barrel roll.” When the airplane came out of the barrel roll the airplane nose was pointed down and he thought it looked low. He stated the airplane rolled wings level over an open field, about 100-150 yards before trees. He reported hearing “tick, tick, tick, tick,” as the airplane impacted trees.



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Date: October 10, 2017
Person Contacted: Hamer Thomas
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18FA004

Narrative:

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Thomas, he stated that he and his friend, Mr. Britton, the passenger in the airplane, met with the pilot and spent about 90 minutes on his land before going back to their cars at the hangar. There had been to intention to go flying when they visited the property. When they arrived back at the hangar Mr. Britton inquired about the airplane in the hangar, the pilot said he "hadn't taken it out in quite a while," and that he needed to. Mr. Thomas walked away and while walking back to the conversation he heard the pilot say "no, you won't feel this, it's not like a loop, you won't hardly notice it." He stated Mr. Britton was interested in flying and had flown with the pilot previously.

The three of them moved some equipment so they could pull the airplane out of the hangar. He stated the pilot checked the fuel and oil, he started the airplane and they taxied to the southwest end of the grass strip. Mr. Thomas stated he had been in a plane crash about 30 years ago, did not enjoy flying and decided not to go on the flight. He took several pictures before they departed and took a video of the takeoff.

He stated that after takeoff the airplane departed to the northeast and was out of sight for about 10 minutes. He had pulled his truck closer to the strip and was sitting in the truck when he heard the airplane. He stated the pilot made a low pass over the runway at a high speed, just above the height of the truck. At the end of the runway the airplane began a steep climb. Mr. Thomas reached for his phone to begin recording a video. He stated at the top of the climb the airplane rolled left, the left wing dropped, the airplane was inverted and in a nose low descent. The airplane leveled out and then disappeared behind trees.

Mr. Thomas stated a while after the accident the pilot's mechanic arrived at the hangar. He asked him if he had seen what happened and said, "please tell me they didn't do a roll." The mechanic

stated "I had told him that was not an acrobatic airplane." He later asked if they had been drinking, Mr. Thomas stated that he and Mr. Britton had not been drinking and he had not seen the pilot drinking. He stated that while they were moving the airplane out of the hangar that he had smelled something on the pilot, but wasn't sure what it was.

He stated at a memorial service for Mr. Britton a mutual acquaintance spoke to him about comments that Mr. Britton had told him about the pilot. He stated that Mr. Britton had told him that when he was flying the helicopter for the Part 137 business, when he would land to reload the pilot would, "take a nip of a bottle."